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UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No.

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Title

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 7]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 1]
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
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ii. ☐ Paper  
c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of  
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☒ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: .....

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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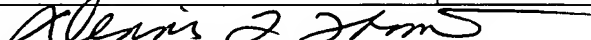
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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	385.00
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$ ) 385.00

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
14	-20** = 0	X	
Independent Claims	1	-3** = 0	X
Multiple Dependent			

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)			(\$ ) 0

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1051 130	2051 65	1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1053 130	1053 130	1812 2,520	1812 2,520	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1804 920*	1804 920*	1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Non-English specification	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	1451 1,510	1451 1,510	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1251 110	2251 55	1452 110	2452 55	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1252 410	2252 205	1453 1,300	2453 650	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1253 930	2253 465	1501 1,300	2501 650	Extension for reply within first month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	1502 470	2502 235	Extension for reply within second month	
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1401 320	2401 160	1460 130	1460 130	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1402 320	2402 160	1807 50	1807 50	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1403 280	2403 140	1806 180	1806 180	Notice of Appeal	
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1452 110	2452 55	1809 750	2809 375	Request for oral hearing	
1453 1,300	2453 650	1810 750	2810 375	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1501 1,300	2501 650	1801 750	2801 375	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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1503 630	2503 315				
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	Title	MESSAGE DEVICE
	Atty Docket Number	

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